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SUBJECT: LABOR - CGIL CHIEF TAKES HARD LINE

1. OPENING THE CONVOCAION OF THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED CGIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL, SECRETARY GENERAL LAMA YESTERDAY DELIVERED A SPEECH HARSHLY DIRECTED TOWARD BOTH THE NEW MORO GOVERNMENT AND ALL ENEMIES OF EARLY ORGANIC LABOR UNITY. LAMA SAID IF THE GOVERNMENT WANTS A "NON-ANTAGONISTIC" RELATIONSHIP WITH LABOR, IT MUST ADOPT LABOR'S PROGRAM ON SEVERAL CARDINAL POINTS OF POLICY: CREDITS, INVESTMENTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES. OTHERWISE, THE UNIONS ARE PREPARED TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF THEIR STRUGGLE TO A HIGHER LEVEL." BOTH LAMA AND NATIONAL SECRETARY SCHEDA REJECTED ANY GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO REACH A "GLOBAL AGREEMENT" (I.E., SOCIAL CONTRACT), OR TO LIMIT WAGE INCREASES TO 16 PERCENT, AS PROPOSED BY EX-BUDGET MINISTER GIOLITTI.

2. LAMA WAS EQUALLY TOUGH IN ATTACKING UIL SECRETARY GENERAL VANNI FOR ASSERTING THAT THE PRESENT STAGE OF UNITY WAS AS FAR

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AS THE CONFEDERATIONS SHOULD GO. LAMA WAS MUCH MORE COMPLI-

MENTARY ABOUT STORTI'S PLAN FOR "UNITY WITH POLITICAL AUTONOMY" AND CALLED ONCE AGAIN FOR ORGANIC UNITY BY 1977. ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T WANT TO GO ALONG "HAD BETTER LOOK OUT," LAMA SAID. HE ALSO REITERATED HIS DEMAND THAT PARITY BETWEEN THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS AND THE PRACTICE OF BLOC VOTING BE "PROGRESSIVELY REPLACED" BY PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION. OTHER IMMINENT REQUIREMENTS ARE THE ADOPTION OF A SINGLE UNION CARD BY 1976 AND A UNIFIED LABOR PRESS, LAMA ADDED.

3. THE CGIL GENERAL COUNCIL CONTINUES ITS SESSIONS TODAY. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL (CCU) CONVENES NOVEMBER 28-29, PRIMARILY TO CONSIDER THE SCHEDULE FOR ACHIEVING LABOR UNITY. COMMENT: CLEARLY, THE NEW MORO GOVERNMENT IS BEING RUDELY HANDLED BY THE UNIONS FROM THE OUTSET. BEFORE EVER IT WAS FORMED, THE UNIONS HAD DECIDED UPON AN EIGHT-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE ON DEC.4 (ROME'S 16309).VOLPE

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